

Family Discovery Series (continued)

Movies at Mercer Slough

Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies in the Douglas Fir Community Room. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Cost: FREE

Hummingbirds – Magic in the Air

Get an up-close view into the lives of hummingbirds, one of nature's fastest creatures. Using high-speed cameras, behaviors that are otherwise impossible to appreciate come into full (and sometimes iridescent) light. Approx. 70 min. Best for ages 8+.



When: Friday, May 25, 5 – 6 p.m.

Wolves – A Legend Returns to Yellowstone

After decades of absence from America's first National Park, gray wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone in the 1990s. The return brought excitement, but also controversy. Approx. 55 min. Best for ages 10+.



When: Friday, June 29, 5 – 6 p.m.

Frogs – The Thin Green Line

Amphibians are in trouble worldwide. From Australia to North America, a mass extinction event is currently underway. Explore the problem and see what scientists are doing about it. Approx. 60 min. Best for ages 10+.



When: Friday, July 27, 5 – 6 p.m.

Beavers – The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw

Learn about the world of beavers... from their perspective! Watch beavers grow, play, and transform their world. Approx. 70 min. Best for ages 8+.



When: Friday, August 31, 5 – 6 p.m.

Visitor Center Features

Art in Nature Exhibit

These exhibits will display local artists' work inspired by the natural world. The artwork is available for viewing in the Visitor Center. Come and be inspired by this amazing art!

When: Daily, 10am-4pm

Where: Visitor Center

Free

Mercer Slough Discovery Backpacks

Discovery Backpacks include all the materials needed for launching a self-guided tour through Mercer Slough Nature Park.: binoculars, nature guides, and more. Discovery Backpacks now available: Birding, Wildlife, and Wetlands. All Discovery Backpacks are available first-come, first-serve for a \$5 suggested donation. For check-out times, please call 425-452-2565 or e-mail MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov.



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Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center



Summer Programs May - August



Visitor Center Open Daily, 10am-4pm

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Adult Enrichment Series

To register for programs call 425-452-6885 or visit www.myparksandrecreation.com. Preregistration required for all programs with a **Course #**. Programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. **Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

Orca Conservation... in Bellevue

Cost: Free

Orca whales are a source of pride for the residents of Washington State. But did you know that the Orcas inhabiting our waters are an endangered species? Join Donna Sandstrom, Executive Director of The Whale Trail, for a presentation on Orcas, Orca conservation, and how Eastsiders can help save these iconic creatures by conserving our salmon streams.



When: Thursday, May 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 65495

The Future Remembered: The 1962 Seattle World's Fair and Its Legacy

Cost: Free

Join Paula Becker and Alan Stein of HistoryLink for a captivating program in honor of the 50th anniversary of the World's Fair. Learn how the space race lit the fire under Seattle's movers, shakers and dreamers, and how they turned their little-known, geographically isolated city into the place that "invented the future" and gave us the remarkable legacy of the World's Fair 1962. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services.



When: Tuesday, May 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 65698

Native Plants - A Basis for Survival

Cost: Free

Join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, to learn how you could survive using the plant technologies developed by local Native Americans. Through hands-on experiences, plant ID, stories, artifacts and an outdoor interpretive walk, become immersed in the excitement of this fascinating program. Best for ages 8 and up.



When: Saturday, June 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 65699

The Ecological Home

Cost: Free

Although most of us didn't build or buy a "green home" there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment, or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center - a Gold-Certified LEED facility.



When: Thursday, June 14th, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 65499

Family Discovery Series

All ages welcome! The Family Discovery Series offers programs the whole family will enjoy!

For more information please visit: www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm

Phone: 425-452-2565 or **Email:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov

Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Cost: Free

Meet a Park Ranger at the Visitor Center for a free guided tour and learn about the fascinating flora, fauna, and history of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Please dress for weather.

No registration required.

When: Every Saturday, 2-3pm



Mercer Slough Ranger Programs

Cost: Free

Join a Park Ranger in the Douglas Fir Community Room for a 30-minute program. Best for ages 8 and up. **No registration required.**

Introduction to Birding

Bird-watching is one of the most popular outdoor activities in America. From hanging a feeder to treading through a swamp at night, there's a lifetime of learning and fun to be had. Join us for an introduction to bird-watching. Learn introductory skills and see what you'll need to get started. A ranger will be available for a 45-minute guided walk through the Mercer Slough following the program.

When: Friday, May 18th, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Wetland Mammals

The wetland habitats of the Mercer Slough are home to a variety of mammals. Just minutes from downtown Bellevue are some of the most interesting creatures in King County. Learn about beavers, otters, muskrats, and the other mammals that help make the Slough such a special place.

When: Thursday, July 12th, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.



Coyotes & Wolves

Did you know that there are at least 50,000 coyotes that roam Washington State? Urban coyote problems are growing; with the first recorded attack on a human in Washington in 2006 in Bellevue (coyotes had been deliberately fed by people). Also, wolves are making a comeback in Washington! Learn about coyote and wolf identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts if you encounter a coyote or a wolf.

When: Sunday, July 22nd, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Beginner's Dendrology

Some pretty amazing trees grow within Bellevue's city limits! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an introduction to the trees of the area. A ranger will be available following a presentation for a guided walk through the Slough to see the trees up-close.

When: Thursday, August 16th, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.



Canoe the Mercer Slough **Cost: \$14 (Bellevue Residents) \$16 (Non-Residents)**

Explore beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water.

Pre-registration is required.

Contact: mseec@bellevuewa.gov for more information .

When: Saturdays and Sundays, May - September, 8:45am-12pm

Where: Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

